

**KANSAS:** The March **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received by Kansas farmers, at 101 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 3 points from February 2003 but up 7 points from March 2002. The **All Crops Index** in March, at 111 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 4 points from February but up 20 points from 2002. The **Meat Animals Index**, at 98 percent of the 1990-92 base, was down 2 points from February but 3 points above last year. More detailed information regarding price indexes is shown in the first table on the back of this release.

**Wheat** prices in mid-March, at \$3.29 per bushel, were down 19 cents from February but 62 cents above last March.

**Corn** prices in mid-March, at \$2.45 per bushel, were down 3 cents from February but 48 cents above last March.

Farmers received an average of \$3.93 per cwt. for **grain sorghum** in mid-March, down 20 cents from February but 78 cents above last March.

**Soybean** prices, at \$5.45 per bushel in mid-March, were down 2 cents from February but \$1.10 above last March.

**All hay** prices averaged \$87.00 per ton in mid-March, up \$1.00 from February and \$1.00 higher than last year. **Alfalfa hay** averaged \$90.00 per ton, unchanged from both February and last March. **Other hay**, at \$70.00 per ton, was down \$6.00 from February but \$5.00 above last March.

**All beef cattle** were bringing an average of \$75.80 per

cwt. in mid-March, down \$2.20 from February but \$2.70 above the price last March. **Cow** prices, at \$40.80 per cwt., were up \$1.10 from February but \$1.40 below the price last March. **Steers and heifers** averaged \$76.90 per cwt., down \$2.30 from February but \$2.80 above March 2002. **Calf** prices in mid-March were \$99.60 per cwt., up 30 cents from February but down \$5.40 from March 2002

The **all hog** price of \$33.20 per cwt. for mid-March was up \$1.20 from February but down \$2.20 from last March. **Sow** prices averaged \$23.50, down 50 cents from February and \$6.80 lower than March 2002. **Barrow and gilt** prices averaged \$34.40 per cwt. in mid-March, up \$2.20 from February but \$1.60 below last March.

February **lamb** prices were \$88.50 per cwt. **Sheep** prices averaged \$40.50 per cwt. in February.

Individual commodity prices are shown in the second table on the back of this release.

**UNITED STATES:** The **All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received in March was 99 percent of the 1990-92 base, unchanged from February but 7 points below March 2002.

The March **All Crops Index** was 106, up 3 points from February but 11 points below March 2002.

The March **Livestock and Products Index**, at 94, was down 1 point from last month and down 2 points from March 2002.

Index Numbers - Prices Received by Farmers, Kansas and United States									
Product Group	Kansas			United States					
	1990-92=100%			1990-92=100%			1910-14=100%		
	Feb 2003	Mar 2002	Mar 15, 2003	Feb 2003	Mar 2002	Mar 15, 2003	Feb 2003	Mar 2002	Mar 15, 2003
<b>PRICE RECEIVED</b>									
All Farm Products .....	104	94	101	99	106	99	628	671	630
All Crops .....	115	91	111	103	117	106	510	579	522
Food Grains .....	124	95	117	104	85	100	331	270	317
Feed Grains & Hay .....				106	91	105	380	327	376
Feed Grains .....	111	87	108						
Hay .....	134	134	136						
Oil Seeds .....	99	79	99	100	79	100	548	432	549
Livestock & Products .....				95	96	94	729	733	718
Meat Animals .....	100	95	98	95	92	93	964	937	945
Dairy Products .....				87	97	84	701	780	676

Prices Received by Farmers and Feed Ratios, Kansas and United States							
Commodity	Kansas			United States			
	February 2003	March 2002	Mar 15, 2003	February 2003	March 2002	Mar 15, 2003	Parity Prices 03/15/03 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
All Wheat, bu .....	3.48	2.67	3.29	3.68	2.87	3.49	9.71
Corn, bu .....	2.48	1.97	2.45	2.34	1.94	2.30	6.64
Oats, bu .....				2.09	1.99	1.94	4.15
Barley, bu .....				2.87	2.17	2.92	6.57
Sorghum Grain, cwt .....	4.13	3.15	3.93	4.14	3.23	3.97	11.20
All Hay, ton .....	86.00	86.00	87.00	91.80	92.30	92.80	
Alfalfa, ton .....	90.00	90.00	90.00	96.40	99.60	96.20	
Other, ton .....	76.00	65.00	70.00	79.40	72.70	82.30	
Soybeans, bu .....	5.47	4.35	5.45	5.55	4.38	5.58	14.50
All Beef Cattle, cwt .....	78.00	73.10	75.80	74.00	70.60	72.20	161.00
Cows, cwt .....	39.70	42.20	40.80	38.90	41.50	39.80	
All Steers & Heifers, cwt. ....	79.20	74.10	76.90	78.10	74.10	76.20	
Calves, cwt .....	99.30	105.00	99.60	97.30	105.00	96.40	217.00
Hogs, cwt .....	32.00	35.40	33.20	34.30	36.00	35.00	103.00
Sows, cwt .....	24.00	30.30	23.50	23.20	30.00	24.20	
Barrows & Gilts, cwt .....	32.20	36.00	34.40	34.90	36.30	35.60	
Lambs, cwt <sup>2</sup> .....	88.50	63.90		92.40	66.70		186.00
Sheep, cwt <sup>2</sup> .....	40.50	29.40		43.60	31.80		79.40
Milk, cwt., avg. fat test <sup>3</sup> .....				11.40	12.70	11.00	33.60
Average fat test, percent <sup>3</sup> .....				3.75	3.74	3.72	
Feed Ratios							
Hog-Corn .....	12.9	18.0	13.6	14.7	18.6	15.2	
Milk-Feed .....				2.35	2.89	2.29	

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Parity Prices based on 1910-14 base. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary price not published. <sup>3</sup> Milk price reflects gross producer pay price before deducts for hauling and capital retain.

District Grain & Oilseed Prices								
Agricultural Statistics District	Wheat per Bushel		Sorghum Grain per Cwt		Corn per Bushel		Soybeans per Bushel <sup>1</sup>	
	February 2003	March 15, 2003	February 2003	March 15, 2003	February 2003	March 15, 2003	February 2003	March 15, 2003
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Northwest ....	3.42	3.21	3.98	3.86	2.48	2.38		
West Central ..	3.44	3.24	4.08	3.91	2.53	2.51	5.39	5.35
Southwest ....	3.43	3.26	4.08	3.93	2.54	2.58		
North Central ..	3.48	3.28	4.09	3.89	2.35	2.29	5.36	5.34
Central .....	3.54	3.40	4.24	3.96	2.47	2.42	5.47	5.46
South Central ..	3.50	3.30	4.10	3.87	2.43	2.36	5.43	5.39
Northeast .....	3.56	3.36	4.30	4.08	2.42	2.37	5.49	5.49
East Central ...	3.49	3.29	4.16	3.89	2.31	2.29	5.51	5.48
Southeast .....	3.52	3.31	4.07	3.95	2.43	2.33	5.49	5.45
State .....	3.48	3.29	4.13	3.93	2.48	2.45	5.47	5.45

<sup>1</sup> Soybean prices for Northwest, Southwest, and West Central combined due to insufficient data.